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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OPEC ENRG
SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY FORMER AMBASSADOR AKINS TO KUWAIT

REF: (A) STATE 068635, (B) STATE 065503, (C) DOHA 0378.

1. FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA JAMES AKINS
HAD HALF HOUR WITH OIL MINISTER KAZIMI AND HOUR AND A HALF
WITH FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI MARCH 30 DURING TWO-DAY
VISIT TO KUWAIT. BRIEFING EMBASSY ON TALKS, AKINS SAID BOTH
MINISTERS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OPEC 11 WOULD WIN OUT.
THEY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AT TEN PERCENT,
DROPPING THE 5 PERCENT INCREASE PLANNED FOR JULY, BUT
DOUBTED THIS WAS POSSIBLE SO LONG AS THERE WAS A STAND-OFF
BETWEEN IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. ACCORDING TO AKINS ATEEQI
SAID THAT KUWAIT, IRAQ AND IRAN WERE DISCUSSING PRO-
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RATIONING IN THE EVENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD INCREASE
PRODUCTION TO 12 MILLION B/D. IN SUCH A CASE, ATEEQI SAID
HE WOULD FAVOR KUWAIT'S REDUCING PRODUCTION TO 1 MILLION
B/D, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUE FOR COUNTRY
AND MIGHT IN FACT BE ADVANTAGEOUS. AKINS UNDERSTANDS
THAT LIBYA HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSING PRODUCTION PROGRAMMING
WITH KUWAIT, IRAN AND IRAQ.

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2. OIL MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY MAHMOUD 'ADASANI,
CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE MORE INFLUENTIAL ON OIL MATTERS
THAN MINISTER KAZIMI BECAUSE OF 'ADASANI'S LONG EXPERIENCE
AND CLOSE TIES TO CROWN PRINCE, TOLD AKINS THAT KUWAIT'S
PROGRAM TO MAKE ALL GAS-FIRED ELECTRICITY GENERATING PLANTS
SWITCHABLE TO FUEL OIL WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHIN A YEAR.
THIS WILL ENABLE KUWAIT TO CUT OIL PRODUCTION TO ALMOST
ANY LEVEL, WHEREAS AT PRESENT, MINIMUM OF 600,000 - 1
MILLION B/D PRODUCTIONS IS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE ASSOCIATED
GAS NEEDED FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION.

3. KUWAIT TIMES MARCH 31 REPORTED THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR
AKINS, "CLAIMING TO BE PRESIDENT CARTER'S 'SPECIAL
ENVOY'" ARRIVED IN KUWAIT MARCH 29 "FOR WHAT HE CALLED
A 'PRIVATE' VISIT". AKINS TOLD US HE HAD BEEN MET AT AIRPORT
BY NUMBER OF REPORTERS AND HAD CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT HE
WAS ON ANY OFFICIAL MISSION, SAYING THAT HE WAS HERE "ON
PURELY PRIVATE VISIT TO SEE OLD FRIENDS".

4. AKINS WILL BE BACK IN AREA IN MID-MAY, VISITING
BAGHDAD MAY 12-14, AND DHAHRAN MAY 16.
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